



# News Release

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## **Mason County: Timberlake Community Club residents advised to boil water**

**OLYMPIA** – Residents of the Timberlake Community Club in southeastern Mason County are advised to boil their water following a water outage.

A broken pipe that drained the water reservoir caused the outage. Water lines lost pressure, which may have allowed contaminants to get into the system.

Timberlake Community Club is a residential area located on Agate Road about five miles east of Shelton. The community's water system serves about 800 homes.

The water system staff has repaired the broken pipe, and will flush water lines as soon as the reservoir has refilled. Workers are collecting water samples to test for coliform bacteria. Lab tests take a minimum of 24 hours to complete. The boil-water advisory will remain in effect until tests show the water meets safe drinking standards.

In the meantime, community club managers are providing bottled water to residents. The state Department of Health advises those who choose to use tap water for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice to boil the water first. Water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

"I'm pleased with how well the water system responded to this situation," said Clark Halvorson, manager of southwest regional operations for the agency's Office of Drinking Water.

Residents who have questions about the advisory can call 360-427-8928.

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